

Standards Committee

Minutes of a remote meeting held on Wednesday 24 June 2020 at 5.02pm, which was broadcast live via the Council's YouTube Channel.

Present: Councillor Illingworth (Chairman); Councillors; Bartlett, A Dearing, J Dearing, K Dickson, C Gifford, Grey, Margrave, Murphy and Weber.

Also Present:

Independent Person: Mr R Tomkinson.

Officers: Mrs L Dury (Principal Committee Services Officer); and Mr G Leach (Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer).

5. **Apologies and Substitutes**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Morris.

6. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

7. **Appointment of Independent Person**

The Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer reminded Members that at a previous meeting, the Committee had approved advertising and interviewing for a third Independent Person, as defined under the Localism Act 2011. Following the advertisement, one person, Ms Belinda Pyke, had applied for the position.

Subsequent to a remote meeting with Ms Pyke, both he and the Chairman were recommending her appointment as an Independent Person. The Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer clarified that currently the Council only had one Independent Person because Mr Robert Meacham, who had also served as an independent Person, had recently passed away and this had been recorded at Council.

The Chairman informed Members that information about the applicant had been circulated to Members of the Committee that day at his request (a CV and accompanying letter) but that this information was not for the public domain.

It was proposed by Councillor Illingworth, duly seconded by Councillor Weber; and

Recommended: to Council that Ms Belinda Pyke be appointed as an Independent Person to the Council.

(The meeting ended at 5.11pm)

CHAIRMAN
23 September 2020